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## GERMANS BLAST THEIR WAY THROUGH SLAV FORTRESSES

### General Von Gallwitz Leads Army of Three Hundred Thousand Men

### HEAVY ARTILLERY LEVELS FIELD FOR INVADERS

### Italians Are Taking Austrian Strongholds in Vicinity of Montozzo

Berlin, Via The Hague, Aug. 9.—Blasting his way through the Russian defenses, General Von Gallwitz with 200,000 Germans has advanced to within less than 10 miles of the Warsaw-Petrograd railway, one of the last two avenues of escape for the Russians in the Warsaw district.

Supported by heavy artillery, which leveled the Russian field works, the Teuton infantry has swept forward with increasing momentum until one of the last Slav lines of retreat is now threatened.

A terrific battle has now begun at the Bug river south of Vrsok, where General Von Gallwitz is endeavoring to force a crossing of this important river. The Russians are making their stand behind a fortified bridgehead on the southern bank. From the opposite bank German batteries are covering the operations of attacking forces and engineers who are endeavoring to throw pontoons across the river on both sides of the Slav position.

Thirty miles to the southeast the German forces which occupied Suroch are moving to the south in an attempt to force a second crossing of the Bug west of its junction with the Radaia river. No serious resistance is being met from the Slavs in this region, according to reports here today, and the Teutonic forces are moving forward rapidly.

The Germans who crossed the Vistula south of Warsaw are steadily pushing on against the Russian left flank and the ring about the Polish capital is slowly closing. The Slavs in the Novo Georgiewsk salient and alone the railway to Siedlce, the last line left open to the Russians for their retreat from Warsaw, are seriously threatened.

Lightening about the Russians, the German press today predicted the capture of thousands of Russians before the operations are brought to an end.

Very late news has come from the Balgo region, where Riga is said to be on the verge of capture. In northwestern Poland, however, the Germans are now maneuvering for a flank attack upon Kovno. In attacking the fortresses of Krno and Ossowetz, a thrust is being made on the Russian flank against the railway from Vilna to Petrograd. South from Vilna this important line runs to Warsaw. In conjunction with the movement against this line further south in the fighting along the Bug and the thrust of the southern forces a desperate effort is being made to envelop the great Slav army.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is said to be making continued progress in the southwest, though he is meeting stubborn resistance in counter attacks directed by the Russians.

**German Attacks Repulsed.**  
Paris, Aug. 9.—Repulse of furious German night attacks north of Soissons with the checking of similar assaults east of Lillie was reported by the war office today.

After exploding mines in front of the French trenches and pouring a heavy artillery fire against them for an hour, the Germans delivered repeated infantry attacks about Soissons, the communications station. They were checked by a heavy machine gun fire from the French entanglements and thrown back with heavy losses. With the repulse of attacks east of Lillie, the French delivered a counter assault, using hand grenades.

## Ministers Are Warring Over Baseball Evangelist's Belief in Literal Hell

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Open war has been declared in the controversy started here by Charles F. Aked, who took exception to the God, Christ, heaven and hell pictured by Billy Sunday.

The noted evangelist will return here Wednesday at the invitation of Dr. H. H. Bell, secretary of the Committee of One Hundred to "spike some belching guns." Dr. Aked must also defend himself against an "enveloping movement" which has set in against him, as nine San Francisco ministers and one pastor in Oakland are on record today as stoutly defending Sunday, his hell and all. These ministers gave over their Sunday sermons to a defense of the baseball evangelist and attacks upon the former pastor of John D. Rockefeller's church whose declaration that Sunday was misrepresenting God, Christ, and heaven and hell started the theological war. So determined is the Committee of One Hundred to fight the Sunday matter to a finish that a movement was started today to bring Sunday here for an extended revival in September. This can only be done by persuading the evangelist to postpone a date he has for a meeting in Omaha, but it is hoped this can be arranged.

Most of this week is expected to be given over to pressing the Sunday fight in the meetings at the Van Ness street tabernacle, where many noted divines are scheduled for sermons. Rev. Paul Smith, of the Central Methodist Episcopal church, challenged Dr. Aked to a debate as to Sunday's religion to night. Dr. Aked is leaving for Yosemite this afternoon and said he could not accept the challenge, but Dr. Smith will present his side of the argument alone. He announced that he would preach tonight on "Billy Sunday, His God, His Heaven and His Hell."

In his telegram to Sunday, asking him to return here, Secretary Bell, of the Committee of One Hundred, said: "I urgently ask you as you return to Oregon to stop off and preach for us once or twice. Will you? If so, the tabernacle will be filled and some belching guns will be spiked."

Sunday replied he would stop here and preach at the tabernacle Wednesday afternoon and evening.

**And Billy Only Laughed.**  
San Diego, Cal., Aug. 9.—Although he would not say directly that he would reply to Dr. Charles F. Aked when he preaches in San Francisco Wednesday, Billy Sunday laughed heartily today at the prospect of appearing in the Van Ness street tabernacle again.

"I shall certainly enjoy speaking in San Francisco," Sunday said. "For the present you will have to let it go at that."

The evangelist ran into a "flanking movement" of the war now raging in San Francisco today when Rev. William Wilber, of Escondido, challenged him to a debate, declaring there is "no such God, Christ, devil, heaven or hell as Sunday preaches."

Sunday said it would be impossible for him to postpone his Omaha revival to hold an extended meeting in San Francisco. The Omaha tabernacle is now being constructed, he said.

A. Lytle De Jarrette, chairman of the local Open Forum, addressed an open letter to Sunday here asking that he discuss industrial conditions.

"Wouldn't the God you worship be better pleased if you said more about social justice," wrote De Jarrette. "I have faith in you. I hope the time will yet come when you will preach a gospel of industrial freedom."

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—"All Oregon week" was opened at the Panama-Pacific exposition today. Today's program included oratory and music.

Tribute to the state of Oregon was paid in addresses made by Supreme Court Justice George Burnett, State Senator Languth, Commissioner John Logan and Commissioner Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis.

Music welcomed the hundreds of visitors to the Oregon building which was newly decorated. Refreshments, evidence of the skill of the Oregon housewife, especially when she has Oregon products to work with were served throughout the day.

Southern Oregon will be tomorrow and on the following day, Coos Bay will be observed. Coos Bay boosters plan to hold a Coos Bay clam bake on the sandy beach near the Oregon building.

**Man Blind Since Birth  
Has Sight Restored**  
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 9.—Twenty-one years old and blind since birth, Alfred Ely, of Entiat, Wash., is enjoying his first vision after an operation successfully performed by Dr. Alanson W. Hawley, of Seattle. The young man, totally blind in the daytime, has been able to discern moving objects indistinctly at night, but never was able to distinguish one person from another.

His aged father, J. G. Ely, lay on his deathbed Friday. Alfred was his favorite son, and the dying man's request was:

"Have the operation, my boy. I want you to see your old father before he dies."

Dr. Hawley was called. With a surgical needle with a point finer than the finest hair, Dr. Hawley punctured the catarrh that covered the young man's left eye. The operation was successful.

## GERMAN KAISER CABLES MESSAGE TO UNITED PRESS

### Ruler of Central Empire Declines to Express Personal Opinion

### HIS CHANCELLOR BELIEVES VICTORIES IMPORTANT

### Hope Is Voiced That Capture of Warsaw May Hasten Conclusion of Peace

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New York, Aug. 9.—On the occasion of the capture of Warsaw, the United Press asked the German emperor in a wireless message for an expression on the historic significance of that victory and for a statement of the basis Germany considers necessary to secure peace in Europe and the surest advancement of civilization.

In reply, the following message was received through Sayville, from Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg today:

"His majesty, the emperor, regrets not to be able, for reasons of principle, to comply with the request of the United Press for a personal expression at the occasion of the successes of the allied German and Austrian armies in Poland.

"In having the honor to inform you thereof, I add the explanation that Germany connects with these victories especially the hope that the end of the war may be hastened through them. I beg to remind you at the same time that the emperor, in all of his utterances, and as late as July 31 of this year, emphasized that Germany is fighting for peace which will obtain for all and for the powers which on its side wage this great struggle, and such absolute securities as it needs for lasting peace and for its national future.

"Beyond Germany's frontiers the peace which we strive to obtain will secure to all people the freedom of the seas and will open for all nations the possibility of aiding work of progress and civilization in free competition."  
(Signed)  
"BETHMANN-HOLLWEG."

## Charged With Giving Bogus Check for Auto

Charged with giving a bogus check for an auto at Oakland, California, D. H. Daley was arrested in this city yesterday as he stepped from his car at the Marion Hotel by Officer Vraeto. Daley had driven the car from Oakland and had a man named Lester F. DeWald with him. DeWald was not wanted.

The car was a National Racing auto and was formerly the property of Teddy Tetloff. It was painted a battle-green and carried a bogus license number 3303. Daley gave a check for \$450 according to the information received by Chief Welch, which was returned marked "No funds." Daley, who is about 23 years of age, does not seem to be worried about his adventure and is being held in the city jail to await the arrival of officers who are new on their way from California. He was headed for Vancouver when arrested.

## Whitman May Dismiss Millionaire Prison Warden Who Has Numerous Fads

(Note: Thomas Mott Osborne, millionaire and prison reformer, is slated for dismissal as warden of Sing Sing prison, according to reports from Albany, indicating friction between Governor Whitman and the prison head. The United Press yesterday sent a staff correspondent to Ossining to see how Warden Osborne's reforms are working out and to find out from Osborne himself what he thinks of his experiments.)

**Only Three Have Escaped.**  
"As a matter of fact, there have been but three escapes and one attempt. That is somewhat under the average for many years past.

"Either through mistaken kindness or through inability to understand what we are trying to do, much has been written to indicate a reign of sentimentality at Sing Sing. As a matter of fact, I consider sentimentality only a degree better than brutality. There is no sentimentality about the welfare league." Visit a true session of the prisoners' own court and you will find out."

**Prisoners Try Prisoners.**  
Sitting through such a session seemed to prove his case. A half dozen prisoners charged with violation of prison rules were brought before a board of five other prisoners. Few courts were ever more thorough and painstaking in their efforts to get at the facts. Few courts ever were more even handed in dealing out justice. Mercy was the quality least evident. What there was came from the warden, who, sitting with the principal keeper and the doctor as a court of appeals, heard the cases of these prisoners who felt they had been too severely dealt with by their fellows.

**Discipline Is Good.**  
"They talk about lack of discipline here," he said afterward. "The prisoners themselves keep twice as close a watch on the conduct of one another as the strictest guard could possibly keep. And in our first four months only about half as many cases were reported for discipline as in the first four months of the year before. The most charge that the warden has made is one that proves itself. The absence of the sickening silence that used to characterize Sing Sing is one of the first things one notices. In the two hour rest period, they not only talk, but they play or watch baseball, or obtain other exercises.

"They have just that much less time to brood in their cells," said Osborne. "And it makes them sleep all night—the best cure in the world for disorderly minds. Go into the cell block at midnight and notice the deep silence with only the men's regular breathing breaking it. The thing that told most on my nerves the week I spent in Auburn prison was the constant moaning, coughing, restless moving in the cells all night long. It was horrible.

"There are plenty of figures, with whom to convince any man that matters are moving in the right direction at Sing Sing. Why, take the matter of insanity. We are cutting the number of cases almost in two. That's what rational treatment of the men will do."

"D—this talk of sentimentalism. It's just plain common sense."

## MARION COUNTY'S OLD SOLDIERS MEET AT SILVERTON

### Well-Attended Reunion Patriotic and Social Success Last Week

One of the most important and happy meetings of this week in Oregon was the one held in Silverton last Thursday. It was the regular meeting of the Marion County Veteran's association, and it was indeed a grand, patriotic and fraternal affair. The organization is quite young, having been started in Silverton about a year ago, but it contains many elements of growth which are making it a great success.

It is composed of a membership from all the patriotic auxiliary orders of the G. A. R., the Spanish American War Veterans, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Relief Corps.

The day was perfect and great jitters, loaded in their capacity, began to arrive early and soon the happy throng of real companionable comrades were having the best time ever.

## PORTLAND GIRL DROWNS IN SURF

### Miss Margaret Platt Victim Victim of Drowning At Seaside—Other Accidents

Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—There was sadness in hundreds of Portland homes today as the result of the death in the surf at Gearhart Sunday of Miss Margaret Platt, aged 16, daughter of Harmon G. Platt, a local capitalist. Miss Platt was socially popular and accomplished.

Miss Platt was caught in an undertow and was being carried out to sea when E. T. C. Stevens, an attorney of Portland and his son Harry went to the rescue. She had been brought to shallow water when she collapsed, apparently from heart reaction, and became unconscious. A pulmotor was summoned from Astoria, twenty miles away but attempts to resuscitate Miss Platt were futile.

Miss Mary Muir and Miss Evelyn Magruder, companions of Miss Platt, were caught in the same undertow but were safely rescued by Stevens and his son.

All three girls were good swimmers but were unable to aid themselves in the powerful undertow.

On hearing of the accident Mr. and Mrs. Platt, parents of the unfortunate girl, and Harry Treat Platt, an uncle, chartered a special North Bank train and hurried to Gearhart from Portland, a distance of over 100 miles, but Miss Platt had been pronounced dead before their arrival.

**Chauffeur Drowned.**  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—The body of Glenn Pattilo, 23, a chauffeur, drowned in the Willamette river Sunday, was shipped to Grants Pass, his former home, for burial today.

Pattilo became exhausted while attempting a long swim and sank.

**Two Lost in Coos Bay.**  
Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 9.—George Lasso, aged 22, and his sister, Helen, aged 13, are dead today from drowning. The boy was teaching his sister to swim when they ventured beyond their depth and went down before their own hands could render aid.

**Students Mourn Death  
of Dean of Women**  
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 9.—Thousands of students and friends of the University of Washington were mourning today the death of Miss Isabella Austin dean of women at the University since 1909, who died at the Swedish hospital here yesterday from complications resulting from a recent operation for appendicitis.

All day telegrams, telephone messages and notes of sympathy poured in on Miss Austin's aged mother, Mrs. F. Austin.

Miss Austin became ill just as she was about to leave for Berkeley, Cal., to attend the meeting of the Association of Deans of Women of State Universities, of which she was secretary.

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### THE WEATHER

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Washington, Aug. 9.—The Pan-American conference now have a definite Mexican program, Secretary of State Lansing announced this afternoon. He has submitted it to President Wilson by mail and received a reply. What the plan is the secretary said he was not prepared to state.

Last week's adjournment of the conference between the Central and South American envoys and Secretary Lansing is now said to have been taken to enable the secretary and the president to exchange correspondence.

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### BRITISH REGAIN TRENCHES

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London, Aug. 9.—The British recaptured 1,300 yards of trenches from the Germans in a severe fighting about Hoge, in the Ypres region, General French reported today in a dispatch to the war office.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON TO PROCEED WITH MEXICAN POLICY

### If Southern American Countries Object No Attention Will Be Given Them

### CO-OPERATION IS DESIRED BUT IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL

### Five Mexican Raiders Killed Near Brownsville—American Soldier Wounded

Washington, Aug. 9.—The administration will go ahead working out its Mexican policy with or without the co-operation of the Latin-American republics.

It was admitted today that President Wilson greatly desired the endorsement of the representatives of the Central and South American countries to the plans of this government, but that he intended the United States should have the deciding voice.

That the Pan-American envoys did not acquiesce in the president's program as readily as was expected during the conference last week is an open secret. The conferees were divided almost hopelessly on two points. The United States is determined that the "scientific" shall have no voice in the establishment of a new government in Mexico. That American intervention be held over the warring factions as an alternative to their getting together for peace is also deemed indispensable by the administration.

Some of the South American envoys believe the scientific faction should be consulted and all are firm in their opposition to intervention under any circumstances.

The news that General Carranza had handed Minister Ortega of Guatemala his passports and given him 24 hours in which to leave the country was regarded as an unfavorable development today. The ordering of Minister Ortega from the country is believed to have resulted from the failure of Carranza to induce the Guatemalan minister in Washington to support him in the conference with Secretary of State Lansing.

Returning here today Secretary of State Lansing denied that he discussed in detail the question of American financial support to the proposed new Mexican government with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in New York yesterday. His denial was accepted at its full value as it is not believed the program has progressed that far.

The conferees will resume their sessions at the Baltimore hotel, New York, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Secretary Lansing announced today. Secretary McAdoo will not join in the conference with the Latin-American envoys as was expected.

**Americans Fight Mexicans.**  
Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 9.—Three soldiers and upwards of fifteen Mexicans are reported to have been wounded today in renewed fighting at the Norias ranch. Five Mexican raiders were killed and two wounded and two Americans wounded in fighting there last night.

Jesus Garcia, a prominent resident of Brownsville died today from wounds received during last night's battle. It was Garcia who advised the authorities of the movements of the raiders, making the defense of the Norias ranch possible.

The situation in Cameron county, where the ranch is located, is tense. Frank Martin and George Forbes were the Americans wounded last night when soldiers, rangers and civilians clashed with the Mexicans at the ranch. The Americans were outnumbered more than two to one, but barricaded themselves in the ranch house. The Mexicans approached from three directions with about 20 men in each party. They surrounded their movements behind out-houses and fired upon the Americans for nearly half an hour.

**Troops To Raymondville.**  
Laredo, Texas, Aug. 9.—Four companies of troops left here on a special train today for Raymondville to join in the hunt for Mexican bandits who raided that section.

Several Mexicans are reported to have been killed and five Americans wounded in a battle between raiders and rangers on the Norias ranch in Cameron county last night. Ranchers and rangers barricaded themselves in the ranch house when they heard the Mexicans were coming. The raiders made repeated attacks before being driven off. Some reports place the number of Mexicans who crossed to American soil west of Brownsville as high as 300.

**More Troops At Brownsville.**  
Washington, Aug. 9.—The United States troops at Brownsville, Texas, (Continued on Page Three.)